

# BOER RAIDERS ARE CAUGHT BY BRITISH.

**Defeated in One Fight and Retreat Cut Off by Gen. Knox.**

LONDON, June 12—5:32 P. M.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Kelly-Kenny:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, June 12.—Our troops from the north are at Honingspruit, south of Roodeval, where the Boers cut the British lines of communication, having defeated the enemy. They will be at America Siding to-morrow at 8 A. M.

"Gen. Knox moves out from Kroonstadt to intercept the enemy. Fuller particulars later."

The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Gen. Forester-Walker, in command of the lines of communication in South Africa:

"CAPE TOWN, June 12.—The following is from Kelly-Kenny:

"June 11.—No communication from Methuen since June 7. He was fighting June 6 to the north of Vetschkop. Steyn is near Reitz.

"The British prisoners sent to Vrede were well treated."

While this report of Kelly-Kenny effectively disposes of the story of the capture of Bloemfontein by the Boers, it shows that Methuen is having a hard time of it. He was ten miles from Heilbron at last reports, trying to reach Gen. Colville at that place. Kelly-Kenny is at Bloemfontein.

A companion of Gen. Kelly-Kenny's despatch with the maps available shows apparently that the British line of communication cut by the Boers, has been restored by the movement of troops from the north toward Honingspruit, to reach which place they would have to pass through Roodeval if they followed the railroad.

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## WILD BOER REPORTS.

Bloemfontein Retaken. De Wet Threatens Johannesburg and British Are Hardly Beaten.

LONDON, June 12.—A plentiful crop of reports has been filtering through Lorenzo Marques.

According to these, Gen. De Wet, with 15,000 Burgers, is marching on Johannesburg, the Boers have re-took Bloemfontein, where President Steyn again occupies the Presidency, the British have sustained a severe defeat at Elandsfontein and have also lost 150 killed and wounded and 150 prisoners in a fight at Roodeval.

Nothing from any other source lends color to these stories, with the exception of the last, which is probably the Boer version of the disaster to the militia battalion of the Derbyshire Regiment at Roodeval.

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## CHINA'S UPRISING; TROUBLE SPREADS.

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before outlined and it will be adhered to him from Manila. Thus the Admiral will be in a position to act with greater freedom in sending relief expeditions to Pekin and elsewhere, knowing that he will soon be able to replace the marine reinforcements have been ordered to return diverted from Taku.

## EUROPE TO CRUSH THE WILY EMPRESS.

LONDON, June 12.—All the papers here agree in saying that the Chinese Empress Dowager's action in reorganizing the Tsung-Li Yamen (foreign office) on an anti-foreign basis is the most serious news yet received from Pekin.

The Times, which is the best informed journal in Great Britain on Chinese affairs, discusses the matter in these terms:

"This means that the Empress Dowager has finally thrown off the mask and has resolved to stake everything on her anti-foreign policy. Prince Tuan is a creature of the Empress, who is known to be one of the chief patrons of the Boxers and a representative of the most reactionary party in China."

PARIS, June 12.—The Figaro, in a leading article on "European Diplomacy at Taku," says:

"If the collective action of the Powers fails in the most likeable combination to establish order in the Chinese Empire, it would be Russia, France and Germany,

which come to the aid of the country at the conclusion of the war of 1895 in obtaining better terms of peace with Pekin."

The Empress is to have her way, the position of no foreign power in China will be worth a month's purchase and Western civilization will disappear from the country altogether."

Mrs. Clifford and "Beverley" telephoned to Ellwanger asking if Mrs. Ellwanger might remain. Mrs. Ellwanger says the answer was "All right."

"Nothing, however, shows as yet that a solution of the crisis is impossible, but if the status quo is to be maintained, it will be necessary to land more than 100 men at Taku."

The Powers count too much upon the efficacy of military force upon the eloquence of rifles and cannon, and the Minister Delcasse announced to-day that 200 French troops have been ordered to Tien-Tsin on the cruiser Saigon.

## RUSSIA HAS 50,000 MEN READY TO SEIZE PEKIN.

CHICAGO, June 12—Freiherr Franz Von Goetz, a hydraulic engineer, of Kiel, Germany, who has been for a year and a half in Vladivostock, Russian Siberia, in charge of the building of the Russian naval dry-dock at that port, arrived in Chicago to-day.

He declares that Russian participation in the concert of powers in North China is all a pretense. Russia talks, he says,

## FEAR FOR MISSIONARIES AT LOCAL BOARDS.

Inquiry at the office of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian Building at 154 Fifth avenue, and at the office of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at 154 Fifth avenue, showed that no news had been received from the scene of the trouble in China.

The Methodists have received no word yesterday. Letters in the mail addressed to the local boards designated the scene of the trouble as Hu-Nan, but that was two days ago, as the letters were

not received. Letters were made at both the local boards and messenger

and personally from friends and relatives of missionaries in the fields where the trouble is occurring, but the officials were unable to give any information.

Charles W. Hand, of the Presbyterian Board, sent a telegram to China Saturday asking for news, but received no answer.

Inquiry at the Bible House elicited the information that the agency of the Society at Shanghai, far from the scene of trouble.

The Presbyterians and Methodists are the only two denominations with missionaries in the China field who have offices in this city.

AMAZING results are to be had from Sunday World Wants.



# WOMAN STARTS ON TEN-CENTURY RUN.

Miss Gast Begins To-Day Her Hard Task—Will Be Paced by Evening World Reporter.

## MISS GAST, THE CENTURY RIDER.

Following is a history of Miss Gast briefly told:

Born in Bavaria.

She is twenty-two years old.

She has a thorough musical education.

She is a charming pianist.

Miss Gast weighs 128 pounds.

She is 5 feet 2 1/2 inches in height.

She loves to ride a high gear.



MARGARET GAST.

was toward Springfield on the way back to the city, a number of wheelmen laid on behind.

Official timers are J. F. Felton, Thomas West, Henry J. Wehman and George M. Styles.

Paced by a reporter for The Evening World Miss Margaret Gast, the popular long-distance bicyclist, begins to lay her ten-century run over the Merrick road, I. L. During the five days that Miss Gast will devote to riding the 1,000 miles her pacer will report for The Evening World details of herfeat. Physicians will be in constant attendance to note the girl's physical condition and report the same to The Evening World.

The scenes along the Merrick road during Will Brown's recent 2,000-mile ride will be repeated. Cyclists from all over the country will gather to watch the fair rider and her pacer go over the ground. Her pacer will send to The Evening World the distance covered each hour.

Miss Gast expects to cover ten consecutive centuries at the rate of 20 miles per day. She starts from West's at 6 o'clock this evening, and should finish Sunday evening. As a matter of fact, no doubt is felt that she will cover the distance hours ahead of the schedule laid out by Brown, as she is riding every road and is an adept at following and picking up pace.

The regular Century Road Club's century course will be followed. This is in the form of a triangle, twenty-five miles around. It starts at Springfield Avenue through Valley Stream to Fresh Creek, then north to Hempstead and back to the starting point. The road itself is in excellent condition, and with favorable weather Miss Gast could succeed in eclipsing Mrs. Brown's record.

Miss Gast is but twenty-two, and has been riding a wheel a little over a year. She was born in Bavaria, and received a thorough musical education in the Conservatory of Music there. She is an accomplished pianist and singer. Her weight is 128 pounds, and her height is 5 feet 2 1/2 inches.

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Her movements have been carefully watched and prompted by Will Brown, who occupies the position of chief adviser. Mrs. Johnson, of Manhattan, administers the rubdowns that play such a prominent part in training.

Tom West's Hotel at Valley Stream.

## ZELLER WAS BEVERLEY STOCKS DULL AND WEAKER. TOT PLUNGED TO DEATH.

Opening Gain Followed by Recessions in the List.

Gertrude Brass Fell from Fire-Escape—Mother Frenzied.

Little Gertrude Bass, four years old, the sunshine of the big tenement-house at 26 Avenue A, was dashed to her death from the fire-escape on the fourth floor rear, at 10 o'clock this morning, and a frenzied father and half-frazzled mother mourn over the mangled body of their darling and fight like insane people against those who would assist them in their hour of mourning.

Indeed, the mother, who seems to feel that she is in some way to blame for her darling's death, would have leaped from the window but for the strong, restraining arms of Grover John Behrens, who said he never dreamed any woman possessed such strength.

John Brass is employed as a maker of neckties in a Union Square factory. He and his wife and their two remarkably pretty children, Gertrude, four, and Annie, who is two years old, live in the rear flat on the fourth floor. Mrs. Brass interlaced the fire-escape with ropes so as to make it a safe place for the babies to play and get the air and sun. She left them playing there when she went downstairs on an errand this morning.

She was gone only five minutes, but in that time Behrens had managed to get through the roping. She fell to the area below. Mrs. Behrens, on the first floor, heard the crash and, looking out, saw the babe's body on the stones. Her husband gathered the little one up and hurried to Dr. Angel's drug store, at the corner of Sixteenth street, but the little one only gasped a brief minute and died. Its golden hair was matted with blood, for the skull was crushed, and an ambulance surgeon, arriving a little later, said nearly every bone in the little body was broken.

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